

October 7, 2002

The Federal Communications Commission
c/o Commission Secretary Marlene Dortch
445 12th Street SW
CY-B402
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Proceeding 02-306

Dear Commissioners:

The City of Torrance is an important one to the South Bay area as well as to the greater Southern California region. Torrance is growing; home prices are going up – people are working and producing revenue. We have thousands of business in a variety of industries operating within our city boundaries.

The Torrance Chamber of Commerce is hard at work ensuring business continues to thrive and succeed in this city. We partner with the business community here to ensure it understands the impact of various city, county, state and national legislative issues which can be detrimental to the growth of business and to the entire Torrance community.

It is our hope that the Federal Communications Commissions would enact policies and regulations that add to competition in the telecommunications industry, not hinder it. In order to do this, the market must be open to competitors. Especially now that such major consolidation is taking place in this market, it is important that competition be enhanced, in order to lower prices and create more choices. Our businesses, as well as residents, will benefit from real competition.

We are committed to seeing Torrance thrive and its businesses succeed. We know that by ensuring a competitive marketplace exists here, both will happen. We look forward to the day when a competitive long distance market is a reality here, too. We hope SBC Pacific Bell will soon join the ranks of long distance telephone service providers.

Sincerely,

Jerry Say
Chairman of the Board

